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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 17205

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IMCO, PORG
SUBJ: IMCO ASSEMBLY: COUNCIL ELECTION

1. IMCO ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED COMMENCE ELECTION TO IMCO COUNCIL ON 12 NOVEMBER. VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT. STATUS OF CANDIDACIES AND DELEGATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW.

2. IN CATEGORY A, GREECE IS THE ONLY CANDIDACY ANNOUNCED FORMALLY TO ASSEMBLY. IN ADDITION TO U.S., OTHER INCUMBENTS (AND PRESUMED CANDIDATES) ARE JAPAN, NORWAY, UK AND USSR. HOWEVER, LIBERIA HAS ALSO INDICATED CANDIDACY. G-77, WHICH CAUCUSSED NOVEMBER 7, APPARENTLY IS DETERMINED TO CLOSE RANKS BEHIND LIBERIAN CANDIDACY FOR CATEGORY A SEAT. GIVEN LIKELIHOOD OF BE SUPPORTIVE IN GENERAL OF U.S. OBJECTIVES ON IMCO MATTERS, DELEGATION BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT LIBERIA AND AT OPPORTUNE TIME CONVEY TO LIBERIAN DELEGATION OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENTION OF DOING SO. BESIDES VOTING FOR U.S. AND

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LIBERIA TO ASSUME SEATS IN CATEGORY A, DELEGATION RECOM-
MENDS OTHER VOTES BE CAST FOR JAPAN, NORWAY, UK AND
USSR.

3. IN CATEGORY B, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE,
FRG, SPAIN (ALL INCUMBENT), AS WELL AS BRAZIL
(INCUMBENT CATEGORY C), ITALY, PRC AND SWEDEN HAVE FOR-
MALLY FILED CANDIDACIES. U.S. DEL RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR
AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG,ITALY AND BRAZIL.
RECOMMEND U.S. SUPPORT ITALY IN VIEW OF GENERALLY
SUPPORTIVE ITALIAN POSITION ON U.S. INITIATIVES AND
OBJECTIVES IN IMCO. U.S. AND ITALIAN VIEWS OF IMCO AS
A PURELY TECHNICAL, NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION ARE VERY
SIMILAR, AND SPINELLI WHO CHAIRS MSC HAS BEEN HIGHLY
COOPERATIVE ON ALL IMCO MATTERS. IN COUNCIL, BRAZIL
ALSO PURSUES IMCO OBJECTIVES SIMILAR TO U.S.,
APPARENTLY HAS SUPPORT OF G-77, AND IS ATTRACTIVE LATIN
AMERICAN CANDIDATE.

4. IN CATEGORY C, ALGERIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, POLAND
(ALL INCUMBENT), ARGENTINA, MADAGASCAR, NIGERIA,
PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE FORMALLY FILED CANDIDACIES.
GROUP OF 77 CAUCUS NOVEMBER 7 REPORTEDLY LEFT DECISION
ON TWO SEATS EACH TO AFRICAN AND ASIAN STATES, AND
DECIDED TO SUPPORT ONE EAST EUROPEAN STATE. RECOMMEND
DELEGATION BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT ARGENTINA, POLAND
AND REGIONAL AHOICES OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN MEMBERS.
ALGERIA HAS BEEN HIGHLY COOPERATIVE WITH U.S. ON IMCO
MATTERS (POSSIBLY REFLECTING ATTITUDE OF LOCAL REPRESENTA
TION) AND, IF ALGERIA IS REGIONAL CANDIDATE, BELIEVE
U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT AND EXTRACT WHATEVER BENEFIT POSSIBLE
FROM DOING SO.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY, DELEGATION WILL CAST
VOTES IN ACCOPDANCE WITH FOREGOING.

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